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- 1) 2000-347638
- 2) 2001-309271
- 3) 2002-112259
- 4) 2003-224816
- 5) 2003-348446

References 1) - 5) include an English language abstract. Reference 1) also includes a "concise explanation" under 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3) as set forth in the specification at page 2, lines 4-11.

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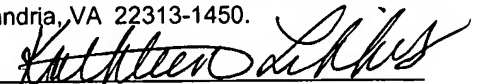
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